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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS (SOPA)

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Welcome to the January 2012 issue of the **San Juan and Tres Rios SOPA**. This schedule is produced quarterly and includes all National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) project proposals and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) projects that we anticipate working on over the next three to twelve months.

There are four sections in this issue: (1) Cover sheet and definitions, (2) CERCLA projects, (3) BLM (including CANM, Southern Ute Trust and Ute Mountain Trust) projects and (4) Forest Service projects.

Look for the types of projects that interest you. If you'd like to be involved, please contact the project leader for further information. If you send written comments via fax machine, we ask that you also send a copy via regular U.S. mail. If you wish to be added to, or removed from our mailing list, please call Elysia Retzlaff at 970-385-1253.

The complete SOPA is also available on the Web at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sanjuan/projects, under the NEPA Projects (SOPA) heading.

All BLM NEPA projects are also on the Web at http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/sjplc.html

***Your continued interest and involvement
is appreciated and welcome!***

GLOSSARY

(CE) Categorical Exclusion: A category of Forest Service actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact assessment is required, i.e., road easements or parking lots.

(CER) Categorical Exclusion Review: Actions on the list of categorical exclusions that are found through review not to meet any of the 10 exceptions to categorical exclusion need not be addressed in an EA or EIS. However, a document is produced (entitled CER) that documents all these exclusions and the review process used, and is signed by a responsible official. (Utilized by BLM only.)

(COC) Colorado Case Number: A case number assigned to a particular BLM project.

(DM) Decision Memo: A concise written record of a Responsible Official's decision to implement an action that has been categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA).

(DN) Decision Notice: A concise written record of a Responsible Official's decision based on an Environmental Assessment.

(DNA) Determination of NEPA Adequacy: Actions that are covered to some extent in an existing EA or EIS may not have to be analyzed in a new environmental document. A special report (entitled DNA) is generated, stating that the existing documentation is found to be applicable to the action at hand, and is signed by a responsible official (utilized by BLM only).

(EA) Environmental Assessment (a)...a public document that serves to: 1) provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) or a finding of no significant impact (FONSI); 2) aid an agency's compliance with NEPA when no EIS statement is necessary; 3) facilitate preparation of an EIS when one is necessary. (b)...includes a discussion of the need for the proposal, the alternatives considered, the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, and a listing of agencies and persons consulted.

(EIS) Environmental Impact Statement: A detailed document undertaken for a major Federal action that significantly affects the quality of the human environment. In an EIS, the affected environment is described, a proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action are presented, and effects of the alternatives are analyzed. An EIS is prepared first in draft form. The draft document (DEIS) is sent out to interested individuals, organizations, and government agencies for review. The final document (FEIS) is prepared after analyzing and responding to the DEIS comments.

MBF – Thousand board feet; **MMBF** – Million board feet; **PID** – Public Interest Determination

Scoping: The procedure by which a federal agency identifies important issues and determines the extent of analysis necessary for an informed decision on a proposed action. Scoping is an integral part of environmental analysis.